

PUBLIC NOTICE  
SC Department of Health and Environmental Control  
Bureau of Water  
2600 Bull Street  
Columbia, South Carolina 29201

Public Notice No. 17-019-R

Date: March 15, 2017

NOTICE OF PROPOSED REISSUANCE OF A  
NATIONAL POLLUTANT DISCHARGE ELIMINATION SYSTEM PERMIT

The following applicant has reapplied for a National Pollutant Discharge Elimination System (NPDES) permit to discharge treated wastewater into waters of the State of South Carolina. The NPDES permit contains effluent limitations on the amounts of pollutants allowed to be discharged, based upon preliminary staff review and application of the Federal Clean Water Act, the SC Pollution Control Act, and other lawful standards and appropriate regulations. The pollutant limitations and other permit conditions are tentative and open to comment from the public.

APPLICANT: GRAND STRAND WATER & SEWER AUTHORITY, FACILITY NAME: GSW&SA/SCHWARTZ MYRTLE BEACH & BUCKSPORT REG. WWTPS (HORRY COUNTY/MYRTLE BEACH EQC OFFICE), NPDES permit #SC0037753, PO BOX 2368, CONWAY, SC 29528-2368. The 3 facilities are located: Schwartz WWTP - off of Freewoods Road, approximately 1700 feet west of the intersection of Freewoods Road and Bay Road. Myrtle Beach WWTP - North of the intersection of Mr. Joe White Ave. and Hwy. 17 bypass. Bucksport Regional-Southwest of Treatment Road and Bucksport Road. The facilities have surface and land application discharge points: North of Schwartz WWTP off Bay Road 002-treated sanitary wastewater, discharging to: Land Application Site (126 acres); 003-treated sanitary wastewater, discharging to: Land Application Site (33 acres); 004-treated sanitary wastewater, discharging to: Land Application Site (62 acres); Bucksport WWTP 007-treated sanitary wastewater, discharging to: Bull Creek (emergency only); 008-reporting combined UOD loading only to Waccamaw River; 01B, 01C and 01D-treated sanitary wastewater, from the Schwartz & Myrtle Beach discharges to: Waccamaw River. The Standard Industrial Classification (SIC) Code for the facility is 4952. The receiving streams are classified FW. FW waters are freshwaters suitable for primary and secondary contact recreation and as a source for drinking water supply after conventional treatment in accordance with the requirements of the Department. Suitable for fishing and the survival and propagation of a balanced indigenous aquatic community of fauna and flora. Suitable also for industrial and agricultural uses. A fact sheet is available. Groundwater will be monitored at 10 monitoring wells. This Permit when issued will supersede an existing permit which expired on September 30, 2016. The permit includes the following conditions: 1. Island Green Golf Course (Outfall 005) and Myrtle Beach Golf & Yacht (Outfall 006) have been removed as effluent disposal sites. 2. The permit includes a schedule to properly close out the 0.20 MGD Bucksport WWTP (SC0040886) and cease discharge to Waccamaw River. 3. The 84 lbs/day UOD allocated to the Bucksport WWTP (SC0040886) is being transferred to this permit (SC0037753) which increases the UOD to 7,393.58 lbs/day. 4. Sludge land application sites includes 5 locations: Socastee Turf Farm; Bucksport Turf Farm; Tiptop Reuse Site, Yauhannah Tree Farm and Bucksport Regional Compost Facility. Land application of sludge program approval associated with the Bucksport WWTP (SC0040886) is being transferred to this permit (SC0037753). In addition, an alternative is to transport Sludge solids to the Lee County Landfill #312411-1101 and/or the Horry County Solid Waste Landfill #261001-1102.

Persons wishing to comment on or object to permit issuance or to the proposed permit limitations and conditions are invited to submit same in writing within thirty (30) days of the date of this notice to the attention of: Mr. Mohammed Siddiqui; SC DHEC; Water Facilities Permitting Division; 2600 Bull Street, Columbia, South Carolina 29201; Telephone: 803-898-4242. The permit number should be placed at the top of the first page of comments. When there is a significant degree of public interest in a permit or group of permits, the Department may hold a public hearing. SC DHEC is not involved in zoning, land use, or property value issues. Please contact your local County or Municipal officials for questions or concerns on these issues.

All comments received within the 30-day period will be considered in the formulation of final determinations regarding the permit. All persons submitting written comments will be notified of the final determinations. Requests for adjudicatory hearings may be filed after the above described determinations have been made. Additional information regarding adjudicatory hearings is available from the Legal Office at the above Department address or by calling 803-898-3350.

Additional information on proposed permit determinations and on hearing procedures is available by writing or calling the Department at the above address or telephone number. Copies of a specific application or draft permit of interest to an individual, organization, or company must be requested in writing. A fee schedule has been established for processing these requests: Reproduction of documents - \$0.25 per page. Requests must be mailed to the Freedom of Information Office at 2600

Bull Street, Columbia, SC 29201, phone number: 803-898-3882; or requests may be faxed to the Freedom of Information Office at 803-898-3816. Arrangements can be made to review all the permit information at the Freedom of Information Office on the third floor of the Sims Building across from Peeples Auditorium.

Please bring the foregoing to the attention of persons you know will be interested in this matter.

